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1. Transmittal Letter
2. Supplemental Amendment under Rule 1.131
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Lynn Bich-Quy Le et al.

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**TRANSMITTAL**Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed the following documents relating to the subject patent application:

- ☒ Return Postcard;
- ☒ This Transmittal Letter;
- ☒ Supplemental Amendment under Rule 1.131; and,
- ☒ Affidavit of Lynn Bich-Quy Le under Rule 1.131 with attachments

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees including any extension of time fees to Deposit Account No. 20-0782 (Order No. STL 2987).

Respectfully submitted,

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 1.131

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Dear Sir:

Applicant by his attorney hereby submits an Affidavit under Rule 1.131 for the purpose of eliminating from consideration the Miura patent currently relied on by the Examiner. It is immediately apparent from a review of the affidavit submitted herewith that the applicant had conceived and reduced to practice the claimed invention by successful simulations of many embodiments of the invention. Specifically, Figure 2 of the affidavit appears as Figure 3A of the application. Figure 3 of the affidavit which was tested and proved successful appears as Figure 3B of the application. Figure 4 of the affidavit appears as Figure 4A of the application. All 3 embodiments substantially diminish or eliminate the bowing which appeared in Figure 1, representing the prior art. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection based on the Miura, U.S. 6,343,877 and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

If any matters can be handled by telephone, Applicant requests that the Examiner telephone Applicant's attorney at the number below.

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